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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS, HU

SUBJ: HUNGARY AND LOS SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

REF: STATE 034000

1. ACCOMPANIED BY POLOFF, AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DEPUTY  
FONMIN SZARKA AND DR. PRANDLER MORNING FEB 13, PRESENTED  
U.S. POSITION (STATE 034000) ON NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE  
COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AS PART OF LOS  
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CONVENTION, AND LEFT NON-PAPER. MCAULIFFE TOLD SZARKA THAT

HE WAS AWARE OF POSITION PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY "SOCIALIST STATES" BUT USG HOPES GOH WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ARGUMENTS FOR MANDATORY THIRD PARTY SETTLEMENT.

2. DEPUTY FONMIN SZARKA THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR PRESENTATION AND PROMISED TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO U.S. POSITION. HE SAID THAT HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PRESENTLY SUPPORT COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BECAUSE IT IS PRIMARY OBLIGATION OF TWO CONTESTING NATIONS TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT. DR. ARPAD PRANDLER, MINISTRY'S LOS EXPERT, ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH GOH FAVORED DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN SOME SPECIFIC AREAS, IT DID NOT SUPPORT COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT IN QUESTIONS DEALING WITH SOVEREIGNTY OF COASTAL WATERS.

3. AMBASSADOR SAID COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT WOULD SERVE AS NECESSARY RESTRAINT ON ARBITRARY ACTIONS BY COASTAL STATES, AND COMPREHENSIVE AND BINDING NATURE OF CONVENTION MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER FOR SOME COASTAL STATES TO COMPLY WITH ALL SECTIONS OF AN AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT LANDLOCKED HUNGARY, A MARITIME COUNTRY, WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST IN PRESERVING RIGHTS OF NAVIGATION AND INNOCENT PASSAGE.

4. SZARKA SAID THAT GOH WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY AND U.S. LOS DEL REGARDING ITS POSITION ON COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND ON OTHER AREAS UNDER ACTIVE DISCUSSION.

5. COMMENT: HUNGARY ITSELF HAS NOTHING TO LOSE BY SUPPORTING COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES INVOLVING SOVEREIGNTY; BUT WE PRESUME THAT VIEWS OF ITS LARGE MARITIME "SOCIALIST" PARTNERS (USSR, POLAND AND GDR) WILL PROVE DETERMINING.  
MCAULIFFE

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